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NAIROBI PLEASE PASS TO AMB YOUNG

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PORG, SF, WA

SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: NEXT STEPS IN SECURITY COUNCIL
DELIBERATIONS

REF: USUN 3343 (NOTAL)

1. THE CONTACT GROUP MET PM AUGUST 29 TO DISCUSS THE
LATEST DEVELOPMENTS TOWARD FORMAL SECURITY COUNCIL
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CONSIDERATION OF THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT ON
THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SETTLEMENT PROPOSAL. THE
CURRENT STATE OF PLAY IS AS FOLLOWS:

--UN SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE AHTISAARI HAS JUST RETURNED
FROM VIENNA WHERE SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM APPROVED
THE REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROPOSAL.

--THE REPORT IS EXPECTED TO BE RELEASED TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30) IN THE FIVE OFFICIAL UN LANGUAGES. AN ENGLISH VERSION WILL BE COMPLETED LATE TONIGHT, BUT CIRCULATION IS BEING HELD UP AFTER OBJECTIONS BY NON-ENGLISH SPEAKERS.

--WALDHEIM IS IN ARGENTINA BUT CAN ARRANGE TO BE IN NEW YORK AS EARLY AS THURSDAY MORNING, IF THE COUNCIL'S SCHEDULE REQUIRES IT. WE UNDERSTAND FROM THE SOUTH AFRICAN MISSION THAT FOREIGN MINISTER BOTHA IS PLANNING TO COME TO NEW YORK, POSSIBLY AS EARLY AS THURSDAY. WE HAVE NO FURTHER WORD (REFTEL) ON WHETHER NUJOMA INTENDS TO COME.

2. THE CONTACT GROUP AGREED THAT THE FIVE WOULD REQUEST AN INFORMAL SECURITY COUNCIL CONSULTATION TO BE HELD NO LATER THAN THURSDAY MORNING, AUGUST 31. THE PURPOSE OF THE CONSULTATION WOULD BE TO DISCUSS THE TIMING OF A FORMAL SC MEETING AND TO COMMENCE THE CONSULTATIVE STAGE (AND THUS SET THE COUNCIL MACHINERY FIRMLY IN MOTION) BEFORE THE SECURITY COUNCIL PRESIDENCY SWITCHES FROM CHINA TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA ON SEPTEMBER 1. COMMENT: CHINESE HAVE NOW SCHEDULED SC CONSULTATION FOR 10:30 AM THURSDAY. END COMMENT.

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3. THE GROUP AGREED THAT TACTICALLY, THE FIVE SHOULD CONTINUE TO PUSH FOR A FORMAL SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING THIS WEEK (OR DURING THE WEEKEND IF NECESSARY). HOWEVER, THE GROUP FULLY RECOGNIZED THAT UNWILLINGNESS OF SOME MEMBERS TO BE RUSHED AND NORMAL QUOTA OF BUREAUCRATIC AND TECHNICAL SNAGS WOULD PROBABLY DELAY A FORMAL COUNCIL MEETING UNTIL NEXT WEEK.

4. THE GROUP ALSO AGREED THAT, AS SOON AS THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT BECOMES AVAILABLE TO US WEDNESDAY MORNING, USUN WILL TRANSMIT IT, ON BEHALF OF THE CONTACT GROUP, TO ABOVE ADDRESSEES, ALL OF WHOM (INCLUDING EMBASSIES IN WESTERN FIVE CAPITALS) ARE REQUESTED TO PASS COPIES TO THEIR WESTERN FIVE COLLEAGUES. APPROACHES BY THE FIVE SHOULD THEN BE MADE IMMEDIATELY TO HOST GOVERNMENTS IN FRONTLINE CAPITALS, LAGOS, LIBREVILLE, AND KHARTOUM FOR THE PURPOSE OF:

(A) PROVIDING THE FOREIGN MINISTRIES WITH COPIES OF THE REPORT;

(B) ENCOURAGING THEM TO INSTRUCT THEIR UN MISSIONS TO

SUPPORT ITS ADOPTION;

(C) CALLING THEIR ATTENTION TO THE POSSIBLE NECESSITY OF
SENDING HIGH LEVEL REPRESENTATIVES TO NEW YORK TO
PARTICIPATE IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL DELIBERATIONS ON THE
MATTER.

FOR LIBREVILLE: FRENCH WILL BE TRANSMITTING FRENCH
LANGUAGE TEXT OF THE REPORT THEIR EMBASSY IN
LIBREVILLE. LIBREVILLE FIVE MAY THEREFORE WISH TO HOLD
OFF APPROACH UNTIL FRENCH TEXT ARRIVES. (FRENCH WILL

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ALSO SEND TEXT TO LUANDA AND COORDINATE APPROACH WITH
BRITISH THERE.)

FOR NAIROBI: PLEASE SEE THAT WESTERN FIVE DELEGATIONS

TO PRESIDENT KENYATTA'S FUNERAL ARE PROVIDED WITH COPIES OF THE REPORT SINCE THEY MAY WISH TO DISCUSS IT WITH VISITING AFRICAN DELEGATIONS. WE DO NOT ENVISAGE AN APPROACH TO KENYAN GOVERNMENT.

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FYI: THE CONTACT GROUP AND THE DEPARTMENT SAW A DRAFT OF THE REPORT PRIOR TO ITS SUBMISSION TO WALDHEIM, COMMENTED TO THE UN SECRETARIAT ON IT, AND MOST OF THOSE COMMENTS WERE ACCEPTED. WE THEREFORE ANTICIPATE THAT THE FINAL VERSION WILL BE GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE. (WE WERE IN FACT QUITE PLEASANTLY SURPRISED BY THE EARLIER DRAFT.)

5. THE CONTACT GROUP WILL MEET AS SOON AS THE REPORT IS AVAILABLE TO CONSIDER ANY SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES IN THE REPORT WHICH SHOULD BE DISCUSSED WITH THE SOUTH AFRICANS BEFORE THE REPORT REACHES THE NEWSPAPERS. IN PARTICULAR, WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE LATEST DRAFT OF THE REPORT STATES THAT AN APPROPRIATE DATE FOR ELECTIONS WOULD BE SEVEN MONTHS FROM THE APPROVAL OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT. THE GROUP ENVISIONS AN APPROACH TO THE SOUTH AFRICANS IN PRETORIA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN WHICH THE REPORT WOULD BE PROVIDED THEM AND DISCUSSED. TALKING POINTS FOR PRETORIA FIVE WILL FOLLOW. LEOANRD

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